

**HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**MINUTES SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING**  
**MAY 20, 2007**  
**(Preliminary)**

**Call to Order**

Guy Larson, President, called the meeting to order.

**Opening Prayer**

Rev. Greg Peters offered the opening prayer.

**Agenda Approval**

Motion to approve agenda was made by Jerry Stabrava, second Terry Utecht.

**Minutes Approval**

Motion to approve the November, 2006 Voters Meeting was made by Maxine Wrightman, second Jerry Stabrava.

**Pastoral Review**

Pastor Greg reported that the last module of the current Mission:LITTLETON is underway. The fall module of Mission:LITTLETON will be "Prayer: Connecting with Our Father." Pastor Greg feels that his involvement with PLI has had a positive impact on our congregation.

Pastor Greg is the Facilitator for the PLI trip to China during the summer of 2008. Interestingly, China has a printing press, donated by the Lutheran Synod to print Bibles. In China, the Chinese government pays for religious schooling. The PLI group will be classified as tourists rather than missionaries by the Chinese government during their stay.

Pastor Greg has been selected to represent the Southwest Denver Circuit at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. This convention functions as the chief legislative assembly for our church body. Issues on the agenda include: closed communion, lay ministry, contemporary worship, role of women in the church, praying with fellow Christians, and a very serious looming clergy shortage that will occur when one half of the present pastors retire. Approximately 500 pastors per year will be needed to fill present positions and to establish new mission churches.

Summer schedule begins May 27. The Saturday 6:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m., and Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. will stay at the same time. The present Sunday 10:30 a.m. service will move to 9:15 a.m.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 18 thru June 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**2006 Semi-Annual Meeting**

Guy Larson, President, reported that the Great Hosanna Clean Sweep was very successful.

**Treasurer's Report**

Linda Marsh, Treasurer, was not able to attend the meeting. Tim Boettcher reported we are currently on budget. The concern is to stay on budget during the summer months when funds are usually lower than other months.

**2006 Annual Audit**

Committee members: Terry Utecht; Tim Boettcher; Randy Booton; Teresa Kennedy

Recommendations:

Several counters are new to the position. In some cases count sheet figures were different from deposit reports. The figures were correctly reconciled.

Invoices for payment are being submitted past the past due date. Invoices needed to be turned in immediately to avoid unnecessary service charges.

Individuals making purchases for the church **MUST** use the Tax Exempt number. Unnecessary taxes are being paid.

Time sheets are being signed by the appropriate person with the exception of Chris Asta.

Vouchers need to be signed by the person requesting funds and co signed by another person.

### **Old Business**

By Laws Review/Revision committee members: Tim Boettcher, Chairperson, Guy Larson, Doug Ferguson, Eric Linneman, and Pastor Greg.

The committee anticipates bringing the recommended revisions to the November 2007 Voters Meeting. By Laws need to reflect current practices and needs. For example, no process is in place to address the removal of the Pastor or Head Elder, restrict Council of Ministries to elected officials only. Definitions referred to in the By Laws need to be clear and easy to understand.

Long Range Planning Committee needs to remain active. This committee consists of Past President, Pastor, Current President, and Head Elder.

### **New Business**

#### **Reports**

##### **Pastoral Ministry Committee**

Bob Hille, Head Elder, is out of town. Steve Winkler gave the report.

The Elders have two primary goals for 2007. 1) To continue the completion of the transition from the previous cluster concept to a needs based concept. As a result we have been successful in having several families return to the church after significant absences. Several members have been encouraged to become more active in the church, either through bible studies or use of time and talents. 2) Encourage the congregation to find ways to perform the Lord's commission – spreading the Word and bringing the lost to church. The first mission, Mission:LITTLETON, along with Council, was created. We as a congregation must strive for success both in this mission, which should never end, and for the development of future missions. Spiritual health of the congregation is an ongoing concern.

##### **School Board**

Tracy Stabrava stated that our Early Learning Center with six teachers does impact and make a difference in the lives of children. The Early Learning Center Silent Auction resulted in approximately \$2,600 plus matching funds from Thrivent.

Approximately 3,000 fliers will be available for distribution describing various events. The youth group will distribute these fliers to designated areas. Please help with this distribution effort by picking up fliers for your family, friends and neighbors.

A tree for needed school supplies for the Early Learning Center will be in the narthex. Just take a leaf with the requested item, purchase the item, and place the item in the collection container.

Tracy recognized Christine Saul for her dedication and service to the Early Learning Center for the past 16 years.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Voters Meeting was made by Pastor Greg, second, Tim Boettcher.

**Closing Prayer**

Pastor Greg offered the closing prayer.

**Non-Agenda Discussion Items****Pictorial Directory**

Several professional portrait studios have contacted the church regarding a church pictorial directory.

Do we want to engage the services of a professional studio?

Do we want to create our own pictorial directory?

The Shepherds Staff program does not contain a module for pictures. A possible solution is to take digital pictures of individuals and/or families and create our own directory. Guy Larson stated that off shore printing companies are available. These printing rates are less expensive than local printing rates. These directories are very important to new members as well as current members. Since three services are offered, it is difficult to know all members. We would also have the ability to add new members as needed. It would be helpful to have group pictures of various committee members. The introduction for the directory should describe what we do within the church.

The consensus of the group was to create our own pictorial directory.

**Sanctuary Remodeling**

David Kennedy has generously donated money for sanctuary remodeling, including new carpeting.

A feasibility study will be conducted to evaluate the need, location, and installation of a commercial quality elevator. The cost estimate is approximately \$50,000. If approved, a fund drive will be necessary.

**Spring Cleanup**

Doug Bradshaw will announce a date in June for the outside cleanup day. Thrivent will donate matching funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Drew, Council of Ministries Secretary